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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

SEQUENCE SEARCH, EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, EMBASE, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	<p>BOOT R G ET AL: "STRONG INDUCTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CHITINASE FAMILY OF PROTEINS IN ATHEROSCLEROSIS. CHITOTRIOSIDASE AND HUMAN CARTILAGE GP-39 EXPRESSED IN LESION MACROPHAGES" ARTERIOSCLEROSIS, THROMBOSIS, AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY, XX, XX, vol. 19, no. 3, 1999, pages 687-694, XP000874580 ISSN: 1079-5642 the whole document</p> <p>—/—</p>	

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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A	<p>RENKEMA G HERMA ET AL: "Purification and characterization of human chitotriosidase, a novel member of the chitinase family of proteins" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 270, no. 5, 1995, pages 2198-2202, XP001146748 ISSN: 0021-9258 page 2199</p> <p>---</p> <p>WO 00/73493 A (PHARMACIA & UPJOHN) 7 December 2000 (2000-12-07) the whole document</p> <p>---</p> <p>US 6 399 571 B1 (GRAY PATRICK W ET AL) 4 June 2002 (2002-06-04) the whole document</p> <p>---</p> <p>BOOT R G ET AL: "CLONING OF A cDNA ENCODING CHITOTRIOSIDASE, A HUMAN CHITINASE PRODUCED BY MACROPHAGES" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTS, BALTIMORE, MD, US, vol. 270, no. 44, 3 November 1995 (1995-11-03), pages 26252-26256, XP001146749 ISSN: 0021-9258 cited in the application the whole document</p> <p>---</p> <p>P,A ARTIEDA MARTA ET AL: "Serum chitotriosidase activity is increased in subjects with atherosclerosis disease." ARTERIOSCLEROSIS THROMBOSIS AND VASCULAR BIOLOGY, vol. 23, no. 9, September 2003 (2003-09), pages 1645-1652, XP002278490 ISSN: 1079-5642 (ISSN print) the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	

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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 1 to 6 and 14 to 16 are directed to or may comprise a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 18 to 20 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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PCT/EP2004/000027**Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

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